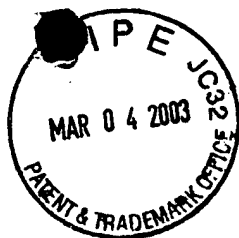


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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Official Action dated October 4, 2002, for two (2) months from January 4, 2003 to March 4, 2003. A check in the amount of \$410.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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Introductory Comments

The present Amendment has been prepared in accordance with the Revised Format established by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as permitted in the Pre-OG Notice entitled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted," a copy of which is attached.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows.

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Amendments to the Abstract

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

A printing apparatus, ~~for forming~~ which forms a color image by applying different color inks to a printing material while bi-directionally moving the recording head to scan the recording material, ~~the apparatus~~ includes a changing means unit for changing an order of applications of the inks of different colors to be applied at least at one amount for printing a secondary color to a secondary color pixel area; and a forming means unit for forming the secondary color while making the order of applications of the inks to at least one of a plurality of the secondary color pixel areas arranged along a predetermined ~~direction-different-from-the-order-of-another, by the changing means unit.~~